

# FRIENDS



OF THE CHILDREN

The Honorable Julius Genachowski  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

June 7, 2010

Re: MB Docket No. 10-56

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I have become aware that the FCC is currently reviewing the proposed partnership of Comcast and NBC Universal. As the Executive Director of Friends of the Children -Portland, I wanted to let you know that Comcast has been a tremendous corporate citizen in Portland and a true partner to our youth.

Friends of the Children is a non-profit organization that provides Portland's most at-risk children with long-term mentors. With Comcast's help, Friends of the Children provides full-time, professional mentors to nearly 350 children, with each mentor committing to their child for twelve and a half years (from kindergarten through high school). Thanks to the support we receive from partners like Comcast, we are able to take a preventive, early intervention approach that breaks the cycle of poverty and abuse by helping children in need overcome many of the obstacles in their lives.

Comcast provides our youth with group-based workshops to increase social media and Internet safety knowledge and skills. In addition, Comcast donates computers and related equipment to expand opportunities for our children and adolescents to learn the basics of computer usage. Comcast also makes it possible for our youth to access online educational enhancement programs, as well as information related to college, career, housing and social services. For example, Comcast provides courtesy cable service for our Teen Space community center and our two homes in Northeast and Southeast Portland, which are utilized by Friends of the Children and youth during mentoring time.

I thank you for considering all that Comcast does to help Portland's youth and I urge you to approve its proposal to join with NBC Universal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terri Sorenson".

Terri Sorenson  
Executive Director  
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